

Nyssa School District 26
School Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2016

Board Members Present:

Don Bullard
Marlon Wilson
Lucy Beck
Dennis Savage
Tori Ramirez
Dave Bunker
Michael Hartley

Staff Members Present:

Jana Iverson, Superintendent
Audrie Tracy, Admin. Assistant
Lindsay Malinowski, Business Manager
Ryan Swearingen, HS Vice Principal
Luke Cleaver, MS Vice Principal
Araceli Gomez, MS Vice Principal
Matt Murray, Elementary Principal
Jon Wood, Elementary Vice Principal

Others:

Hunter Morrow, Argus Observer
Brian Richins, CPA
Other signatures on file

Call to Order – The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Bunker at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the Administration Building.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was declared adopted as presented.

Commendations –

A) Students

The Primary Elementary Student of the Month is Valentin Miranda, 2nd grade student in Mrs. Koplín's class. Valentin works very hard and strives to do his best. He can be somewhat of a mystery, naughty or nice? Valentin is a safe, responsible, respectful student. He is confident and expresses great leadership skills. Good job Valentin!

Ashton Wilson is the Intermediate Student of the Month for the elementary. Ashton is in 5th grade, his teacher is Mrs. Ramos. Ashton comes to class ready to learn, is attentive and follows directions. He is kind, thoughtful, responsible and respectful to all. His positive attitude and quiet mannerism make him a natural leader and a friend to all. Mrs. Ramos said "Ashton is one of the most polite students I've known, he's a pleasure to have in class". Thank you parents!

Nyssa Middle School selected 7th grader Sarah Esteves as their Student of the Month. Sarah is an awesome student, she comes to class with a positive attitude and willing to learn. Sarah leads by example, giving 110% effort. She goes above and beyond and will go out of her way to help others. Sarah participated in the Penny Drive and the Food Drive at the middle school, bringing

in bags of pennies and over 100 cans of food. She is a pleasure to have in class. Sarah is a great role model who inspires others and is very deserving of this award.

Cayden Temple is the High School Student of the Month. He is a sophomore at NHS. Cayden is ready to learn and on task. He works hard and completes all assignments. Cayden is very interested in Science, learning with ease and at the top of the class. He is polite, kind, respectful and excited about learning. Cayden is a fun kid! Congratulations!

B) Employees

Parker Hill is the Commended Employee of the Month, he teaches Language Arts at the high school. Mr. Hill arrives early, cares about students and learning. He is always willing to help students or other staff members with projects. Parker maintains contact with several friends/colleagues from college. He bounces ideas for curriculum and methods back and forth to help make others better. Mr. Hill is a true professional and excellent example to others.

C) Parent

Darci Payne is the Parent of the Month selected by the high school. Darci was not able to attend tonight's meeting as she is doing what she does best, helping her son with a fund raiser. Darci is always the first person to offer to help with any Band project and part of that programs success is due to Darci. Mrs. Payne is ready and willing to help any group or program where she is needed. Her help is very much appreciated.

Visiting Patrons/Delegations –

A) Brian Richins, CPA - Audit Review

Brian Richins, CPA presented the 2015-16 audit report to the Nyssa School Board. The district had no findings to report and had the most solid audit it's had in the past two or three years. Mr. Richins addressed the issue of increased PERS costs to the district in the 2017-2019 biennium. The cost to Nyssa School District could be from \$300,000 to \$350,000. Mr. Richins expressed appreciation to the district staff for having their books in order and for their help with the audit process. A copy of the Audit Report is on file at the district office.

B) Matt Murray & Jon Wood – Dual Language data in comparison to general population

Data collected regarding the Dual Language Program was presented by Elementary Principal Matt Murray and Vice Principal Jon Wood. According to data collected, academic performance increases the longer students are in the program. Some feel students struggle to juggle with both English and Spanish but that is not the case, it's the opposite. The program at the elementary

started three years ago is the two way model. Classes for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade are split, half the day is English and the other half Spanish. Plans are in the works to extend the program to grades 4 and 5. There is a high demand for the program and several students are currently on a waiting list to get in. Mr. Murray would like to see the Dual Language Program implemented in the middle school and high school.

C) Middle school video

Mr. Cleaver, Middle School Principal and Araceli Gomez, Middle School Vice Principal showed a video created by Mr. Draper, middle school teacher. The video was about things happening this year at the middle school which include a Book Club, a Penny Drive, Food Drive and students creating cards for the elderly. Mr. Cleaver presented information on i-Ready Assessment results for the middle school also (copy on file). Great job middle school staff and students.

Consent Agenda –

- A) Approve minutes of November board meeting
- B) Review bills of the district as presented
- C) Hire: Katy Holcomb, Head Track Coach

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Lucy Beck. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

New Business –

- A) 1st Reading of Board Policies, *Sections I through L* and Policy *GCBDD/GDBDD, Sick Time*

A copy of Policy *GCBDD/GDBDD, Sick Time* and list of corrections for *Sections I through L* is included in board packets. Corrections as per review with Rick Stucky, OSBA on November 18-19, 2016

Dennis Savage made a motion to approve all policies presented. Marlon Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Study –

- A) Planning for January Learning Walks

Learning Walks planned for January 12 -13, 2017. Principals please let your staff know ahead of time.